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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS ON SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW

1. THE FIRST LOCALLY PRODUCED COMMENTARY ON THE SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW APPEARED IN A ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL ON JANUARY 15. PREVIOUS PRESS REACTION HAD BEEN CONINED TO WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS OF OFFICIAL AND MEDIA COMMENTARY IN THE U.S., WESTERN EUROPE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND, FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, HEAVY COVERAGE OF SOVIET MEDIA REACTION. THOUGH DEPICTING THE SECRETARY'S HYPOTHETICAL REMARKS ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE TO ASSURE OIL SUPPLIES AS A "BRUTALLY FRANK" EMPLOYMENT OF "VEILED BLACKMAIL," THE EDITORIAL SHOWS RESTRAINT AND CAREFUL PHRASING. IT INTERPRETS THE PRESIDENT'S SUBSEQUENT REMARKS IN A TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW AS DISPLAYING "EFFORTS TO NEUTRALIZE THE BAD IMPRESSION" AROUSED BY THE SECRETARY'S EARLIER STATEMENT WITHOUT DISAVOWING THE VIEWPOINT HE HAD EXPRESSED. MOREOVER, THE EDITORIAL, WHICH IS ENTITLED "JOSEPH LUNS IN RELIEF," ACTUALLY CONCENTRATES ITS FIRE ON THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL FOR "MUDDYING" THE ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE DISCUSSION "BY RUSHING TO KISSINGER'S AID" WITH "ZEALOUS APPLAUSE" OF HIS POSITION.

2. A ZYCIE WARSZAWY COMMENTATOR CONFIRMED TO US A FEW DAYS

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AGO THAT, IN ITS CURRENT GUIDANCE TO THE MEDIA, THE GOP HAS

REAFFIRMED ITS STRICTURES AGAINST JEOPARDIZING THE CLIMATE
OF "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS NOW PREVAILING WITH THE U.S.
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